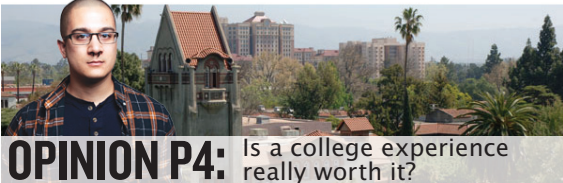


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A.S. candidate remains on ballot

By Vasuki Rao
Managing editor

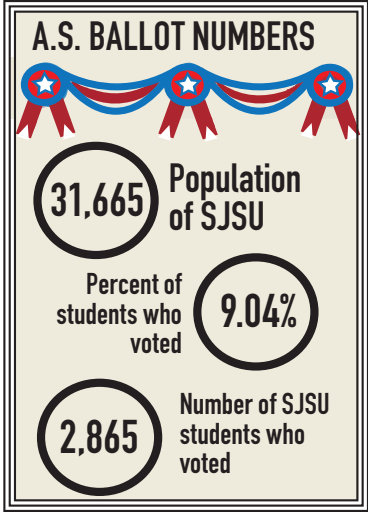
The Associated Students' Student Election Commission (SEC) held a special meeting yesterday to discuss nine sanctions and grievances that were filed among A.S. board members and candidates. The sanctions were filed after the A.S. election committee announced the presidential election to be a runoff election last Wednesday. Seven of the nine sanctions were

filed by Adi Meral, the new A.S. Controller, and Hector Perea, one of the three candidates running for A.S. President in the runoff elections, but were voted off the agenda during the meeting. The reason Meral and Perea filed the grievances were because of a special meeting held last Tuesday. According to Perea, the meeting was poorly managed with people talking and yelling over one another.

"There were several points of orders called by the SEC and it got so bad that even the people attending the meeting called points of order," Perea said. "They can't even do that." According to Perea, his decision to file the grievances against Joyce Lum, Joseph Rios and Galina Owens was motivated by the fact they pressured the SEC to make a decision. In the A.S. bylaws, on page 34, it states, "Decisions by the Student Election's Commission shall

occur without undue influence by or from the A.S. non-student/ student staff or A.S. Board." During the special meeting, Ariadna Manzo, the A.S. Chief Elections Officer, motioned to remove all grievances and sanctions that were filed by both Meral and Perea because of an email that was sent to SEC by Perea. In the email, Perea stated that he wants to withdraw his grievances

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ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION



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6-year-old Maya Rye who was diagnosed with leukemia last year, reacts as SJSU student Katrina Hill gets her head shaved in front of Campus Village B on Thursday.

Students shave heads to raise funds for childhood cancer

By Daphne Morales
Staff writer

The St. Baldrick's Foundation made its way to San Jose State last Thursday by bringing music, fun activities and barbers to support a great cause thanks to Adam Broudy and many other volunteers. The foundation was created on July 4, 1999 and it is a volunteer-driven charity that helps fund research that works toward treating childhood cancer. The event took place near the CVB dorms and gave students and members of the community opportunities to show support such as head shaving, volunteering and donating. The event had two licensed barbers who were in charge of shaving volunteer's heads. One of those barbers was Cindy Tarangioli, a hair stylist from Metamorphosis Hair Salon. Tarangioli heard about the foundation through one of her clients. "I knew I wanted to participate because a few years ago I lost two girlfriends to cancer," Tarangioli said. Matthew Vella, a senior photography major, was a volunteer who signed up to get his head shaved. Vella had heard about the head shaving event for a few years but always missed the deadline. He saw it on campus this year and decided to sign up to shave his head. "I know a lot of people that are dealing with

cancer and the fact that it's affecting so many kids these days is pretty devastating, so I want to raise awareness," Vella said. There was a lemonade stand named "Alex's Lemonade Stand" where Grace Chow, a junior business management major, was volunteering. Chow is part of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) and said he wanted to be supportive and join in on the event because it's for a great cause. "I'm currently at Alex's Lemonade Stand station which is also to raise money for childhood cancer research awareness," Chow said. "I'm selling lemonade for 25 cents a cup or for any amount of donation that people are willing to donate." Chow is also grateful for the support that has been shown throughout all of the housing staff and for all of the families and friends that donated to the cause. "Whether it's shaving your head or donating a few cents, every penny counts," Chow said. Ijanah Chambers, a sophomore graphic design major, also volunteered at the event. "I first heard about this event from working with my R.A. staff in Joe West, my boss Adam told us about it and we were really excited," Chambers said.

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GO GREEN

San Jose State celebrates Earth Day

By Casey Geier & James Kim
Staff writers

Earth Day 2016 began as the Tower Lawn's arrangement of environmental and political organizations welcomed local businesses in recognizing and celebrating environmental stewardship. U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day on April 22, 1970. Nelson proposed a day when citizens nationwide would host teach-ins to raise awareness of environmental problems. The unveiling of the Gaylord Nelson's '39 tree occurred early in the day on the Smith-Carlos lawn. The sign, quoting Nelson, reads, "Every person has the inalienable right to a decent

environment." The tree was from the Our City Forest Nursery in Downtown San Jose and unveiled with the assistance of the organization. Earth Day was on April 22 as the founder's first celebration of it was, but SJSU celebrated the event on Thursday. Environmental Resource Center, Associated Students and Spartan Shops teamed up together to form the Earth Day planning committee. "We just want to inform people of different environmental issues ... so that people can

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Members of the Esplendor Azteca Xipe Totec perform on the main stage during the Earth Day festivities on Tower Lawn last Thursday.



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Members of the Environmental Resource Center hold a workshop teaching students and participants how to make a sustainable compost pile at the Earth Day event on Tower Lawn.

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make better decisions,” said senior Danielle Calara. Calara, graduating senior majoring in environmental studies, was helping at the event with the E.R.C.

The City of San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley Water District were among those with booths. SCVWD promoted its water purification plant as the only one of its kind in Northern California, as well as its “save20gallons” program for citizens in the county.

Informational booths were present at the event as well as cultural ones, including the Cesar E. Chavez Community Action Center of Associated Students.

The event also featured a number of organizations looking for employees and volunteers as well as a water taste test booth, where students guessed between samples of tap water, filtered tap water or bottled water.

Local vendors of juice and Trader Joe’s gave out samples, chocolate, apples and reusable shopping bags.

Environmental activism occurred in the form of a makeshift tower made of spray paint cans, constructed for the event in honor of the Paris Treaty, one of the first international environmental agreements. People pledged their environmental stewardship goals on the whiteboard

next to it and had their photos taken. The treaty continues today, with governments around the world unified in reducing the rate at which carbon dioxide is emitted and global warming occurs.

Games with candy prizes by A.S. also informed those attending about alternatives to energy inefficiency and different animal species in the environment while played.

“We normally get a few thousand people every year, the turnout today is pretty good,” said Ada Truong, who graduated with a major in environmental studies last year, and helped create the platform for the organization of the event with the E.R.C.

Truong said the event was held on behalf of the city of San Jose, and that there were fluctuations when people and students attended the event.

On the event stage, the Earth Day celebration featured composting demonstrations, dancing and music. The same stage was used for the Trashin’ Fashion show stage later in the evening.

“I got out of class and then I saw all of the tents set up, so then I thought I might as well come and have a look and turned out I learned a lot,” said Sandeep Billakota, senior English major.

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because, according to him, his time could be spent in more productive areas.

“I believe in forgive and forget,” Perea wrote.

The last items on the agenda were the grievances and sanctions filed by Garcia against Perea.

The reason Garcia filed the grievance was because of an email that was sent out by SJSU administrator Itza Sanchez to members of the Chican@/Latin@ organization. In the email, a message form Perea was included, encouraging students to vote. Perea also included information on voting booths and online voting.

Garcia said although the email did not endorse Perea, it was a form of assistance for Perea to get votes.

A clause on page 12 of the Elections Regulations Manual (ERM) states, “Candidates may not solicit nor accept any materials, funds, assistance or endorsement from any SJSU faculty, staff or administrative personnel. Any candidate found by two-thirds vote of the Students’ Election Commission voting members to have engaged in such behavior is subject to removal from the ballot.”

Before voting on the grievance, a speaker list was made for members of the floor to present their points for either side within five minutes each.

Students who were in favor of Perea argued that the word ‘assistance’ in the clause is vague and a member of the Chican@/Latin@ organization who was present said that he was not influenced by the email.

Perea also added that nowhere in the

email did he mention that he was running for president and that he included a link to the voter information guide, giving the email recipients a chance to read through each of the candidate statements.

Another point brought up by Garcia was that since Perea is currently the Director of Intercultural Affairs and was previously in the Elections Committee; therefore, he should be aware of the regulations.

After each person finished speaking, the public forum was closed and the SEC discussion began. During the discussion, A.S. Events Officer, Zuly Flores quoted the ERM Article V, Section 1, Letter C where it states “...The last opportunity to submit complaints to the Students’ Election Commission will be 48 hours after the close of voting.”

“The last elections closed on April 20 at 8 a.m., and we received Mr. Garcia grievance on April 22 at 12:42 p.m. and that’s 48 hours after elections were closed,” Flores said.

After further discussion and points of clarifications from students present in the room, the committee voted against the grievance on Perea.

That concluded the discussions on the items listed on the agenda.

Toward the end of the meeting, a motion to allow all three presidential candidates to campaign in classrooms was passed as long as they are physically present in the class.

The runoff elections will continue until noon on April 28 and students can vote online at as.sjsu.edu/vote.

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Chambers was one of the many volunteers that signed up on the St. Baldrick’s website in order to open a page to receive donations for the foundation.

“I only raised about \$50, but overall we raised over \$10,000,” Chambers said. “I try to help out wherever I can, and I really like children, so to be able to help out for children that have cancer is an amazing thing.”

Valerie Rye, mother of Maya Rye, 6 years old, also attended the event in order to show her daughter how people raise money for the cause.

“It’s been a year since Maya was diagnosed

so we’re kind of new to these events but we’re really excited,” Valerie said. “She was diagnosed March 16, 2015 with leukemia, the most common childhood cancer, the day after her fifth birthday.”

Valerie was impressed at the fact that more than \$10,000 was raised by SJSU staff and students.

“I want people to understand how many kids are diagnosed every year and, while the survival rate is great, there (have been) no new drugs in the last 20 years while adult cancers get lots of new drugs,” Valerie said.

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ESTABLISHING BETTER CONDITIONS

Changing the perception of local homelessness

By Rebecca Pirayou
Staff writer

Last week’s SJSU Earth Day celebration included the “Crossroads Forum 2016: A Discussion on the Convergence of Food, Water and Homelessness.”

Panel speakers discussed issues surrounding homelessness in San Jose and what the various organizations they belonged to contribute to help change the stigma surrounding it.

Speakers included Ines Marines, Annette Marines, Deb Kramer, Mark Batcheler, Maureen Damrel, Chris Omer, William Parrot and Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano.

The event, which took place in the Student Union, was coordinated by SJSU environmental studies and social justice graduate student Robert M. Foran along with the MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center and moderated by Oak Grove High School students.

Foran, who is a County of Santa Clara social impact intern, said that food, water and homelessness all affect and influence each other.

He said that by including the high school students, he wanted to bring people together that were all involved in these sorts of issues from different areas.

“I wanted to create a multi-generational component and one of the things I found is that a very difficult

part of the conversation is, ‘How do we bridge our generations?’ so I figured let’s get high school students involved and initiated in the conversation,” Foran said.

Foran chose Oak Grove High School because the diversity the school represented reflected the diversity of the panel members and overall community.

The forum, which was open to the public, began with the introduction of panel members and the work they do, then continued with a Q&A session moderated by the high schoolers before being split off into round table group discussions.

These group discussions had at least one member of the panel along with members of the audience sitting around a notepad that had an issue scrawled on it. Some of these issues included homelessness and lack of food and access to clean water among various others. The discussions surrounded how San Jose is affected by these issues along with ways to potentially fix them.

The main panel discussion was largely focused on the issues and what organizations are doing in order to not necessarily “cure” homelessness, but to make the lives of those living in those conditions easier.

Damrel shed light on

homeless encampments and tent cities along Coyote Creek in San Jose.

“Obviously if you have an encampment there is no garbage man to pick up your garbage every week,” Damrel said. “There is no toilet. Whatever you use has to be pretty disposable because you don’t have the clean water to wash it and reuse it. With those types of things you’re going to have issues with water quality. Everything you use has to be disposable.”

Kramer talked about how social networking and telling people what they have learned is important to getting the word out and helping people.

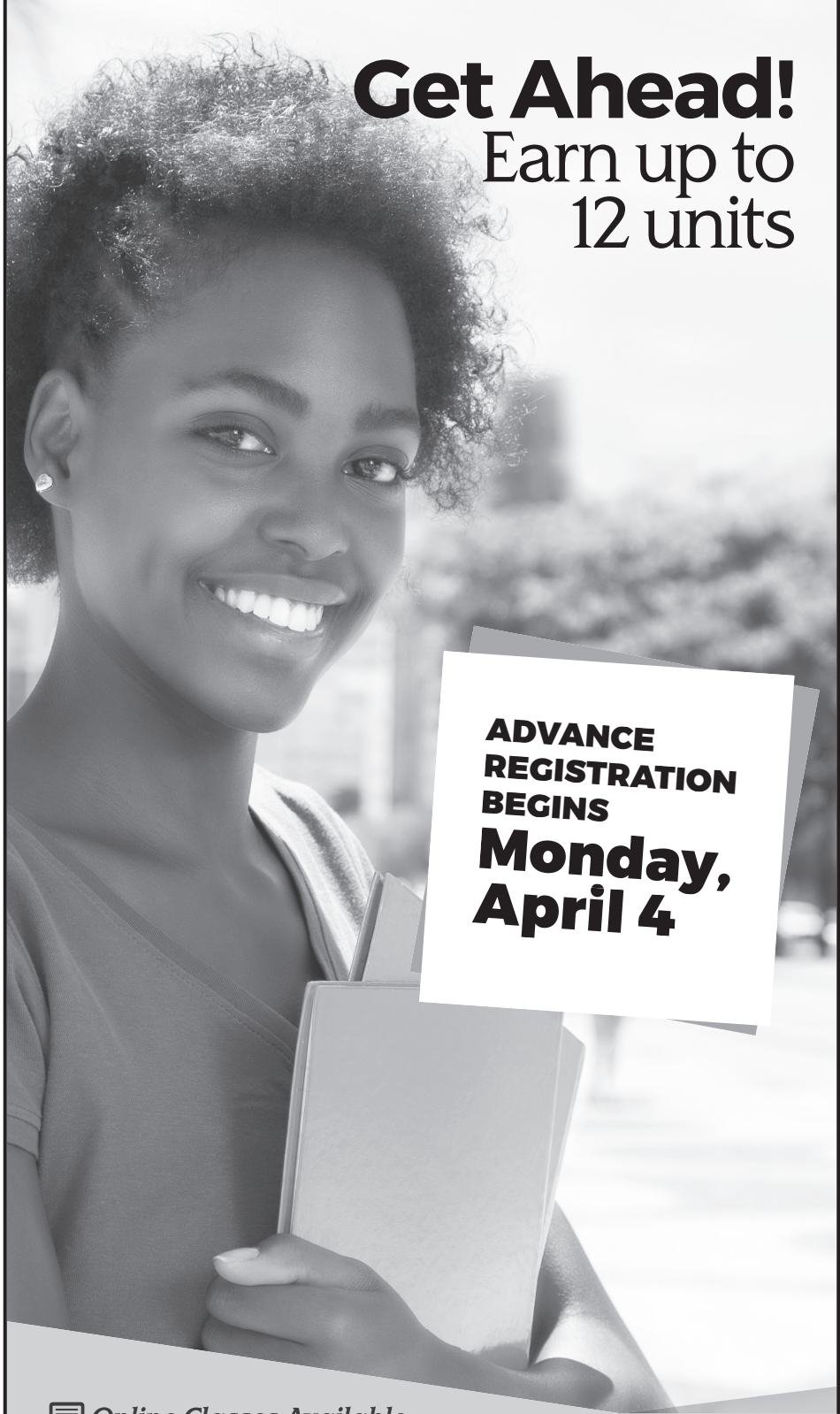
“You’re here, you’re learning, you’re hearing from us,” Kramer said. “That’s how then people know about what we do.”

Damrel brought up that the key to changing the perception of homelessness is to engage people with the issue.

“Just by us partnering and showing that these are people that are choosing to show up and choosing to volunteer and beautify their community and trying to make their steps to where they want to be,” Damrel said.

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Festival celebrates Japanese culture

By Tony Nunez
Staff writer

The Cherry Blossom Festival was a weekend of fun for some, but for Rina Chang, it was a homecoming of sorts.

The Cupertino native travels all over California with San Jose Taiko, a Japanese-American drumming group. However, on Saturday, Chang had a chance to perform in her own backyard at the Memorial Park Amphitheater.

“I grew up in Cupertino, I used to come here all the time as a kid,” Chang said. “I was right in my hometown playing for all the people that I know.”

San Jose Taiko was just one of the dozens of attractions for people to enjoy at the annual Festival at Memorial Park in Cupertino.

Hundreds showed up on Saturday and Sunday to bask in Japanese-American culture for a celebration of the twin-city

relationship between Cupertino and Toyokawa, Japan.

Chang and San Jose Taiko stole the first half of Saturday’s 11-act slate, which included whimsical tunes from Sunnyvale Suzuki Violinists and a stern display of martial arts from Satsuma Dojo.

The booming yet in-tune band of experienced drummers — some members carried 20 years of performing Taiko — exhausted themselves pummeling the drums and bringing the crowd to a rousing applause.

They were ready to relax and become spectators after their 45-minute set.

“We’re going to go enjoy the food,” Chang said. “After playing all of that, we’re pretty tired and hungry.”

And there was plenty of Japanese-inspired dishes to enjoy.

There was sushi, gyoza, mochi ice cream, Asian chicken cabbage salad, Japanese beer, plum wine and sake.

San Jose resident Ione Yuen decided to try out the Yakisoba, which is fried soba noodles mixed with carrots, celery and cabbage, provided by Boy Scouts Troop 87 based in the Silicon Valley.

“It’s really good,” Yuen said.

Yuen, a Cupertino native and Japanese-American, said the food was just one of



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Members of San Jose Taiko perform during the Cherry Blossom Festival at Memorial Park in Cupertino on Saturday.

the reasons she decided to attend. The decor of the festival, especially the flower arrangements, and the live music were big draws for her.

“You don’t hear this kind of Japanese music very often in person,” Yuen said as Yamasho Kai/Awakko Ren Awa Odori serenaded the crowd.

And there was plenty of fun for the younger crowd too.

Kids flew on high-wire trampolines, poured down a giant inflatable slide and scaled a rock-climbing wall. There were also pony rides and tours of a fire engine from the Cupertino Fire Station.

One of the biggest draws was tucked away between the food court and cultural exhibits in the Quinlan Center, which also featured a handful of performances on both days.

The Los Angeles branch of the Akiho Japanese Akita Club had children and adults lining up for photos with a group

of well-groomed and spunky Japanese Akita dogs.

The most popular pooch of the bunch was Silicon Valley resident Scott Watanabe’s 115-pounder named Kkomi.

Watanabe said posing for photos is nothing new for Kkomi. A volunteer for the Asian-American donor program, which helps find bone marrow donors, Watanabe brings Kkomi and his beautiful white coat when he runs booths at college’s around the Silicon Valley.

“Normally, when there’s a booth, you hand out flyers but no one pays attention,” Watanabe said. “But when Kkomi is there, everyone comes.”

Kkomi was just one of many attractions people lined up for over the weekend in the heart of Cupertino.

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Kkomi, a Japanese Akita dog, poses for a photo with Minh Nguyen (left) and Jacqueline Huynh (right).

Pastries and supercars roll into Santana Row

By Tyler Kittle
Staff writer

While Santana Row is usually known for its upscale stores and restaurants, its streets were filled with the unmissable view of colorful, rare supercars and the sounds of motors revving and car enthusiasts clamoring to their favorite car last Saturday.

Cars and Croissants is a monthly event hosted by 100 Octane, where many car owners bring their rare cars to Santana Row to display them for all to see. Onlookers also get the joy of looking at these otherwise unseen machines.

“I pretty much come to this event every month for probably the last three years, it’s just a fun event, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., so it doesn’t take up the whole day,” said Ronnie Demer, an attendee who brought his 1981 DeLorean.

There were many expensive and unique cars parked throughout Santana Row. The lower-end cars were Corvettes, Porsches and a few classic cars; however, the majority of the cars were expensive exotics, such as Ferraris and Lamborghinis, some completely filling up the side of the road.

On one side of the street, there was an entire section of red Ferraris with a crowd looking at the spectacle of Italian treasures. Directly facing off these crimson stallions were other Italian supercars, such as modified Lamborghinis.

However, despite these cars already being rare, there were cars that were far rarer. There was a Porsche 911 GT3 RS, McLaren P1 and a Ferrari LaFerrari, all of which were

produced in extremely small numbers and were sold for astronomical prices.

Cars like these are nearly impossible to see on the street. This event not only hosted these super rare exotics, but also allowed people to get up close to them as well. Guests left the event with their phones filled with pictures of the exotic cars.

“There’s always great cars, cars you won’t see anywhere else ... there’s only 10 of them in the United States, and so the chances that you’ll see them in the street or in the 7-11 are very slim,” Demer said. “I’m always the only DeLorean here at this show.”

Many of the attendees came to Cars and Croissants for a variety of reasons. Some wanted to show off their car, while others wanted to see the latest models.

“I enjoy events like this because it is a way to see the latest and greatest sports cars out there,” said Wa Huong, an attendee and owner of a Dodge Viper ACR. “Most people who attend, tend to be car enthusiasts of some kind and they like to share or discuss their experiences about the cars they have previously owned and currently own. There are also some that just like to show off their cars for bragging rights.”

Because of the location for Cars and Croissants, not everyone looking at the cars were necessarily car enthusiasts. However, the cars still brought plenty of attention.

“People enjoy seeing the cars and it’s kind of fun, it’s good for them, it’s neat to see

people get excited about cars again,” said Nick Siersema, an attendee and owner of a Corvette. “Because I think for a while there they were not excited about cars at all.”

The event was free for visitors and, true to its name, had free croissants and coffee for everyone. If you wanted to reserve a spot for your car in advance, it was \$25,

but free on the day of, provided that there was an open spot.

The next Cars and Croissants is May 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and every last Saturday of most months. It is a must-see for any car enthusiasts.

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Ronnie Demer’s DeLorean is the only DeLorean displayed at the Cars and Croissants event.



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Cars such as this BAC Mono were a huge attraction at Cars and Croissants in Santana Row on Saturday.

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BASEBALL

Bulldogs can't complete sweep of Spartans

By Tony Nunez
Staff writer

The San Jose State Spartans snapped a five-game losing streak and avoided a Mountain West Conference series sweep by beating the Fresno State Bulldogs, 7-5, in a wild 12-inning rivalry game on Sunday in Fresno.

"I think this win was kind of a turning point for us," said junior catcher Joe Stefanki. "If we play like that the rest of the way, we'll have a good chance of meeting our expectations."

Shortstop Aaron Pleschner lifted the Spartans (12-27, 5-16) over Fresno State (26-15, 14-7) with a walk-off hit in their prior meeting on March 26 in San Jose and the freshman again proved clutch for SJSU.

With runners on the corners and one out in the top of the twelfth, Pleschner drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly to right field. Freshman centerfielder Hunter Tidwell stole second base and went on to score on Pleschner's sac fly.

"Pleschner is a clutch hitter for us," Stefanki said. "He always comes up with big hits."

Stefanki was also clutch by knocking in senior right fielder Dillan Smith with an RBI single in the next at-bat to give SJSU some cushion. Stefanki was 2-for-5 with two RBIs in Game 3 and said the Spartans have high expectations for the last 16 games of the regular season.

"I think this win was kind of a turning point for us," Stefanki said. "If we play like that the rest of the way, we'll have a good chance of meeting our expectations."

Junior left-handed pitcher Graham Gomez allowed a single in the bottom

of the 12th inning, but sophomore first baseman Shane Timmons turned an unassisted double play to secure the win.

"I just knew that I had my defense behind me," Gomez said.

Gomez entered the game during the ninth inning in relief of sophomore right-handed pitcher Matt Brown with the score tied 5-all and the bases loaded. With two outs, he pushed the game into extra innings by getting the final batter to fly out.

Gomez went 3 1/3 innings and allowed only two hits and a walk.

"I knew I had to challenge the hitters and trust my stuff," Gomez said.

SJSU had a chance at taking the lead in the 11th inning. Sophomore designated hitter Justin Beck singled to put runners at the corners for the Spartans with one out but freshman left fielder Brendt Citta hit into an inning-ending double play.

"It's definitely deflating," said junior infielder Michael Breen of missing out on the chance to win the game in the 11th inning, "but we had faith in Gomez ... I got to give him the credit for keeping us composed and giving us a chance."

The Spartans took the lead in the second inning by scoring three runs on RBIs from Tidwell, Breen, and Stefanki.

Fresno State made it a one-run game in the bottom of the second, but a Breen's RBI single in the following inning scored Tidwell to give the Spartans a 4-2 advantage.

Timmons had a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning to bring the lead back to three, but the Bulldogs wouldn't go away without a fight.

Fresno State loaded the bases and scored

a pair to make it 5-4, but Brown worked his way out of a jam to keep the Spartans on top.

The Bulldogs tied it up in the ninth inning after Brown walked a batter with the bases loaded.

Gomez entered in relief of Brown and secured the final out of the ninth to give the Spartans another chance at a win.

They made sure they didn't waste it.

"This is something we can build off of and put toward our next series in the coming weekend," Breen said.

In Game 1, the Bulldogs blanked the Spartan hitters.

Fresno State sophomore starting pitcher Ricky Tyler Thomas tossed a complete-game, two-hit shutout. He struck out four and walked none.

Citta was the lone Spartan to record a hit, smacking a pair of singles.

The game was tied at zeros entering the bottom of the fifth inning. Bulldogs junior pinch hitter Joe Prior broke open the game with a two-out, two-run home run in the fifth and homered again in the

seventh to put Fresno State up 3-0. The Bulldogs scored three more in the eighth to cap off the rout.

The Spartans fell behind quickly in Game 2. They trailed 7-0 after the second inning and weren't able to fight their way back in.

Spartans senior second baseman Ozzy Braff was 2-for-4 with a home run, three RBIs and two runs. Breen was 3-for-5 with two runs. Pleschner was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run.

A Pleschner single in the fifth started an SJSU scoring outburst. A Fresno State error allowed Breen and Smith to come in and score. Braff's two-run homer made it 7-4 in favor of Fresno State heading into

the bottom of the fifth.

Braff knocked in another run with a single in the sixth and scored in the ninth on an RBI triple from senior pinch hitter Tyler Olivet. But was not enough to secure a win.

The Spartans travel to Stockton on Tuesday for a game against the University of Pacific Tigers at 6:30 p.m. before returning home on Friday at 6 p.m. for Game 1 of a three-game conference series against UNLV.

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SOFTBALL

Spartans domesticate the Nevada Wolf Pack

By Jose Munguia
Staff writer

The Spartans completed the sweep of the University of Nevada Wolf Pack this past weekend due to its offensive burst.

Coming into the final game of the series, the Spartans had beaten the Wolf Pack by a combined 23-5 in its first two games. Coming off a loss to San Diego State University where communication was key, there was nothing short of it in this series.

Head coach Peter Turner knew what his team needed to do in order to beat a Nevada team that was 30-9 overall coming into the series.

"We showed a lot of character and got a lot of hits in, which we knew we needed to against this good team," Turner said.

In the first game, junior Katelyn Linford's pitching was lights out while her teammates poured on the runs to help keep her in the game. She ended up throwing a complete game, allowing just four hits and the only run being unearned in the first.

The Spartans were down 1-0 heading into the fifth inning after surrendering an unearned run as the run drought was stopped thanks to three runs. Singles by junior outfielder Chelsea Jenner were followed by sophomore outfielder Brittany Abacherli which put the Wolfpack pitcher Brooke Bolinger in a bind. Bolinger loaded the bases after she walked senior outfielder Jessica Madrid. A single from senior infielder Jessie Hufstetler brought Jenner and Abacherli in to score as the runs began to come in.

Freshman first baseman Madison Aurin knew from the scouting report that patience was going to be key to the hitting success.

"We realized most of the pitchers were mainly rise ball and outside pitchers, so we were patient then took the ball for a ride when it was pitched inside," Aurin said.

The success from the first game in which the

Spartans won 11-1 continued in game two of the series.

Aurin put the Spartans up first with her run to give an early 1-0 lead. The next batter, senior infielder Taylor Purdy, extended the lead with a solo home run. After three innings, the Spartans were up 4-0, then runs came in from both sides to make the game interesting.

When the team took the field for the fourth inning, both teams scored four apiece to make the score 8-4. It wasn't long until SJSU tacked on four more runs to secure the game with a final score of 12-4.

Abacherli discussed how the series win laid heavily with how they would do with hitting.

"We practiced what was going to be expected in this series with pitching, which helped us get hits and runs," Abacherli said.

In the final game, the team needed to come back after giving up the lead because of a lack of communication.

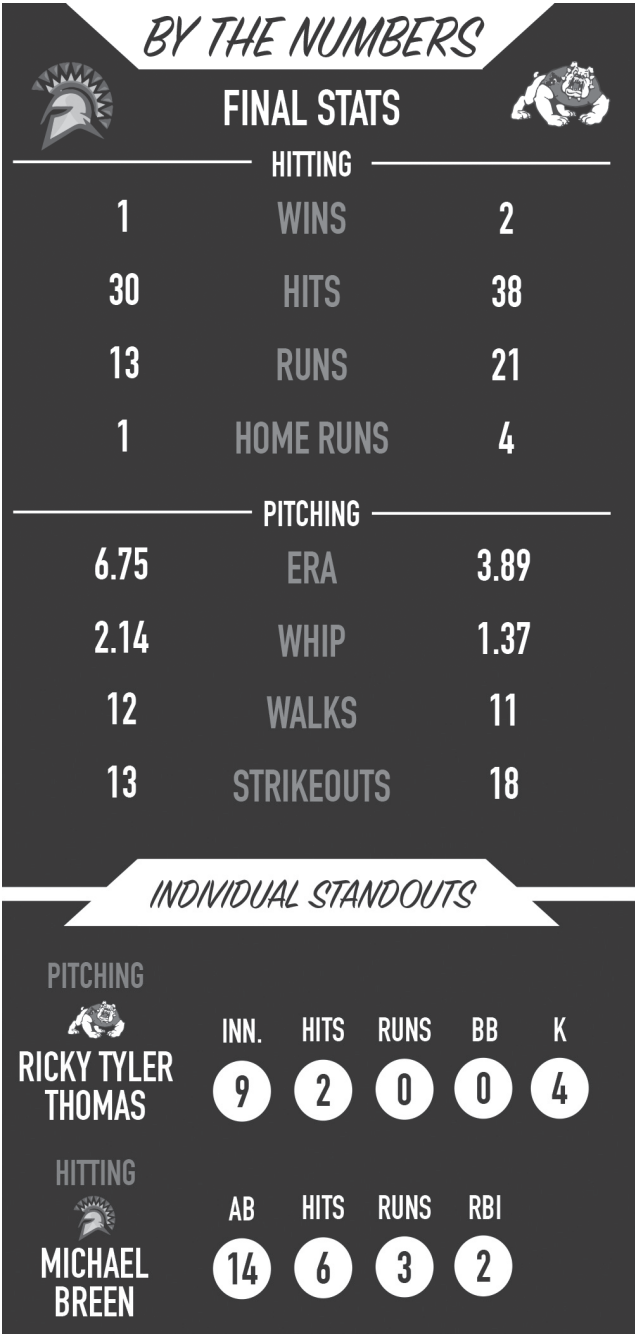
"We won 12-8, but gave up a huge lead by allowing eight runs," Turner said. "We need to do better defensively and talk that's still an issue we need to work on."

After sweeping the series against the Wolf Pack, the Spartans improved to 22-21 overall and 11-4 in the Mountain West Conference. The next one is a showdown of the two top teams in the conference. SJSU hosts rival Fresno State (34-9-1, 15-0) in a series matchup this weekend.

"We're both good teams and our mindset is to focus on one game at a time and continue the momentum from this series," Abacherli said.

The first game of the series begins this Friday at the SJSU field at noon as the Spartans look to hand the Bulldogs their first conference loss of the season.

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GIANTS 8, MARLINS 1

Spartan night led by the return of a great Giant

By **Kavin Mistry**
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High drive, right field and deep, this baby is way back ... OUTTA HERE! Barry Bonds has done it again and the Giants take the lead!

As San Francisco Giants broadcaster Duane Kuiper said it best with his signature home run call, Barry Bonds was a legendary part of the team’s past and will forever be a part of the Giants family.

On Friday night at AT&T Park, the Giants saluted one of the best to ever take the field in a Barry Bonds. This time in an unfamiliar fashion, as the new hitting coach for the Miami Marlins.

“I would like to say thank you for such a warm welcome back home,” Bonds said in a postgame interview on Friday. “Thank you to the Giants organization, the players and most of all the fans who I consider family and friends.

Bonds is the current MLB record holder in home runs with 762. He played 22 years in the league, won seven MVP awards, 13 All-Star appearances and broke the record for most home runs hit in a single season with 73 in 2001, according to Pro Baseball Reference.

It was also San Jose State night at AT&T Park. Those who purchased a special event

tickets received a unique blue Giants hat with the Spartan logo patch on the side. Spartans were on hand to watch the Giants take on the Marlins in the first game of a three-game weekend series.

“I went with five other San Jose students, but the stadium was full of them,” said Lori Hormigoso, junior child development major. “It kinda felt like an extension of San Jose State, there was a lot of alumni there. It was cool to feel like you had a connection with everyone, having something in common, having the pride for something.”

SJSU night capped off a busy first week of college nights at AT&T Park, which began with Stanford night on Monday, UC Berkeley night on Tuesday and San Francisco State night on Wednesday.

“I mostly wanted to go to the game for the free SJSU Giants hat so I had to get one,” Hormigoso said. “It’s a nice hat. It has our colors with a small Spartan head on the side. I just wish the back wasn’t Velcro, but I mean you can’t really expect much from a free hat.”

Game Notes

The Giants were coming off a three-game

sweep by the Arizona Diamondbacks during the week and have been struggling to score runs for the past eight games.

On Friday, the offense finally woke up, courtesy of starting pitcher Jeff Samardzija. He finished the game going two for four with three runs batted in. Paired with seven and two-thirds of dominant pitching on the mound, the Giants snapped their five-game losing streak, winning 8-1.

This should come as no surprise to the Giants coaching staff as Samardzija is a proven athlete, who played football as a wide receiver at Notre Dame (along with baseball).

The rest of the Giants offense followed suit, scoring three runs in both the first and fifth innings and tacked on two more in the sixth.

Samardzija now leads the starting staff in earned run average (3.00) and owns the two longest starts so far this season by any Giants pitcher. This is an unlikely script for a team that came into the season with bonafide ace Madison Bumgarner, a strong number two starter Johnny Cueto and a number three starter that was filled with question marks. He has begun to answer them all.

He walked off the mound standing tall after giving up just one run on eight hits while striking out five against zero walks. He gave way to reliever Javier Lopez and reliever Mike Broadway who slammed the door on the Marlins night.

The Giants finished the weekend winning two out of three against the Marlins, improving their record to 9-11 on the season. The Giants are snapping out of their recent offensive funk and are working back toward the .500 mark.



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Giants outfielder Hunter Pence signs autographs for fans pregame from the dugout on April 22.



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Marlins hitting coach Barry Bonds gets a standing ovation pregame.



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Giants first baseman Brandon Belt finished the game with two hits in five at bats to help spark their offense on Friday night against the Marlins.

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